

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1958

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Population	1		

POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th September, 1957 -

Males - 356,666

Females - 338,170

Persons - 694,836

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1957 -

Persons - 376,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	<u>DECEMBER</u>		<u>Twelve Months ended</u> <u>DECEMBER</u>	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Marriages - Number	408	372	4,899	5,080
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.89	6.42	7.08	7.50
Births - Number	1,292	1,128	16,927	16,916
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	21.81	19.47	24.48	24.98
Deaths - Number	409	358	5,295	5,572
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.90	6.18	7.66	8.23
Infant)- Number	31	37	356	384
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	23.99	32.80	21.03	22.70
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	6	5	37	46
Malignant neoplasms	61	62	799	803
Diabetes mellitus	3	2	62	63
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	-	16	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	45	39	586	669
Diseases of the heart	119	98	1,596	1,748
Hypertension with heart disease	14	9	146	148
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	4	5	61	72
Arteriosclerosis	8	10	138	154
Influenza	1	-	38	17
Pneumonia	18	14	217	225
Bronchitis	4	6	63	67
Other respiratory diseases	6	4	78	83
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	1	41	31
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	3	1	18	15
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	7	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	5	4	26	33
Nephritis and nephrosis	7	3	73	78
Diseases of the prostate	1	-	55	49
Maternal causes	1	1	6	9
Diseases of early infancy	16	24	207	219
Motor vehicle accidents	14	14	146	192
Other accidents	18	17	184	216
Suicide	4	3	85	89
All other causes	43	36	610	526
Total:	409	358	5,295	5,572

*Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during January, 1958 totalled 232,381 acres, an increase of 158,821 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 74,470 acres, an increase of 73,328.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,821,472	4,647,391	30,672,656	29,481,223
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 18. 1	6. 15. 8	44. 2. 0	43. 5. 0
Expenditure	4,850,560	4,633,367	34,073,136	32,986,982
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 18. 11	6. 15. 3	48. 19. 10	48. 7. 10

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of January, 1958, amounted to £64,801,256 or £92-14-1 per head of population as against £61,000,573 or £88-18-8 per head at the end of January, 1957.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 29th January, 1958, amounted to £16,245,367 compared with £16,969,335 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Transfers	No.	1,363	1,271	11,507	9,721
	£.	2,347,843	1,951,683	19,404,366	14,103,567
Mortgages	No.	981	955	8,479	7,107
	£.	1,524,258	1,625,686	16,424,283	12,873,205
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	768	791	6,390	5,527

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
January, 1958	5,505,532	3,002,463	12,376,531	763,467
January, 1957	3,920,981	2,299,138	11,724,468	538,130
Seven months ended January, 1958	27,109,174	20,255,863	73,958,896	4,018,398
Seven months ended January, 1957	24,309,819	15,297,459	70,254,932	3,670,387



COMPANIES REGISTERED

168 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £6,596,000 and 59 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1958. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 116 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,614,500 and 51 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Seven Months ended JANUARY					
	1958			1957		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£.	£.		£.	£.
Sequestration Orders	62	128,627	54,795	56	128,365	130,054
Deeds of Assignment (a)	60	217,899	199,581	48	174,891	222,192
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,024,600	1,041,800	6,426,400	7,320,067
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,197,702	1,304,523	7,389,062	8,020,274
Train Miles Run No.	582,328	614,956	3,674,322	4,359,406
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 99,030	(b) 104,012	(c) 623,604	(c) 650,329
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,039,738	988,120	7,020,582	6,494,371
Motor Bus No.	22,622	25,993	144,831	155,598
<u>Tonnage Carried</u>				
Paying Goods	268,730	295,376	1,601,086	2,082,656
Livestock	9,172	9,089	80,930	89,595
Departmental (Free Freight)	46,920	37,434	324,832	342,572
Total:	324,822	341,899	2,006,848	2,514,823
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	41,034,550	43,142,257	261,256,179	337,109,634
Livestock	1,196,875	1,022,374	11,421,330	11,856,996
Departmental (Free Freight)	3,686,547	3,914,898	33,649,165	40,480,342
Total:	45,917,972	48,079,529	306,326,674	389,446,972

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 7th December.

(c) Period ended December.

* Figures liable to revision.

1947-1948
1949-1950
1951-1952

1953-1954
1955-1956
1957-1958

1947-1948	1949-1950
100,000	100,000
200,000	200,000
300,000	300,000

1959-1960
1961-1962
1963-1964

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
Year 1957	5,639	2,084	35	1,007	9,865	4,755	71	1,447
1957 -								
January	376	99	-	82	684	250	5	122
February	471	114	-	83	769	261	8	116
March	419	168	2	78	690	418	4	112
April	414	169	4	84	696	432	5	127
May	581	177	2	67	961	409	5	113
June	398	153	1	51	761	343	2	75
July	485	187	6	71	882	395	8	112
August	409	231	3	65	769	452	6	96
September	474	169	4	88	806	391	6	112
October	563	225	1	87	965	474	3	122
November	548	220	7	112	951	524	9	160
December	501	172	5	139	931	406	10	180

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1955 -								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
1956 -								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
1957 -								
January	64,665	24,724	569	9,162	100,818	62,770	1,109	12,990
February	64,766	24,703	569	9,114	101,940	63,853	1,204	13,266
March	64,839	24,656	571	9,070	102,628	64,485	1,212	13,378
April	65,184	24,561	576	9,119	102,327	63,697	1,212	13,163
May	65,369	24,485	576	9,071	103,555	64,542	1,219	13,350
June	65,013	24,354	580	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,224	13,146
July	66,611	24,648	582	8,636	103,890	63,064	1,221	12,550
August	66,632	24,545	589	8,526	104,271	63,181	1,231	12,471
September	66,555	24,320	594	8,329	104,524	63,170	1,238	12,298
October	66,996	24,376	596	8,367	104,923	62,896	1,228	12,154
November	67,178	24,301	605	8,382	106,093	63,756	1,242	12,416
December	67,315	24,209	610	8,389	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Not available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	3,805	3,033	22,059	21,266	9,793	8,926	54,135	62,521
Interstate	7,151	8,644	48,344	48,563	2,003	4,763	18,887	20,951
Total:	10,956	11,677	70,403	69,829	11,796	13,689	73,022	83,472

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BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
Year 1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1957 -										
March Qr.	287	852	774	2,194	21	263	149	1,798	1,231	5,107
June Qr.	418	1,134	1,071	3,103	27	455	154	1,186	1,670	5,878
Sept. Qr.	275	784	1,396	3,972	28	178	207	1,363	1,906	6,297
Dec. Qr.	421	1,316	1,507	4,411	24	214	204	2,103	2,156	8,044

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
Year 1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1957 -										
March Qr.	610	2,025	3	7	407	890	1	2	1,021	2,924
June Qr.	845	2,768	10	20	576	1,295	1	1	1,432	4,084
Sept. Qr.	1,018	3,223	5	11	601	1,405	2	3	1,626	4,642
Dec. Qr.	1,300	4,143	10	29	555	1,300	2	3	1,867	5,475

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	JANUARY		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1958	1957	1957	1956
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	66,562	106,722	896,681	812,380
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,040,036	1,667,534	14,010,636	12,693,427
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	-	2,401,886	2,199,083

* Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Ltd. and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
Metropolitan Area	2946	3017	3046	3004	2707	2690	2729	2655
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3160	3240	3214	3170	2617	2616	2625	2563
Northam	3087	3150	3142	3055	2686	2644	2691	2584
Bunbury	3142	3136	3142	3064	2765	2720	2749	2664
Geraldton	3211	3209	3229	3110	2926	2885	2916	2825
Collie	3157	3154	3173	3088	2509	2478	2504	2434

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Month	1956			1957		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	136,330	43,687	180,017	134,232	43,806	178,038
February	137,946	44,627	182,573	134,594	44,839	179,433
March	137,563	44,762	182,325	134,816	45,022	179,838
April	136,859	44,848	181,707	134,587	44,505	179,092
May	136,208	45,034	181,242	134,124	44,691	178,815
June	135,482	44,565	180,047	133,650	44,159	177,809
July	134,639	44,545	179,184	133,311	44,323	177,634
August	134,685	44,019	178,704	133,411	44,457	177,868
September	134,431	44,167	178,598	133,669	44,815	178,484
October	134,494	44,189	178,683	134,413	44,907	179,320
November	134,756	44,368	179,124	134,431	45,352	179,783
December	134,699	44,623	179,322			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	213	226	237	241	234
February	217	228	240	241	234
March	220	231	242	240	235
April	221	230	243	239	234
May	222	231	242	238	235
June	220	230	239	235	233
July	221	230	238	233	232
August	221	230	239	232	232
September	223	232	241	233	234
October	224	233	241	234	235
November	227	234	243	234	235
December	227	233	242	235	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1956 are preliminary.

Date		Time		Location	
1911	10/1	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30
1911	10/2	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30
1911	10/3	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30
1911	10/4	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30
1911	10/5	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30
1911	10/6	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30
1911	10/7	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30
1911	10/8	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30
1911	10/9	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30
1911	10/10	10:00	10:30	10:30	10:30

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
7/2/58	13. 8. 6	8. 14. 6	13. 10. 1	8. 15. 7	13. 6. 7	8. 13. 3

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	47,748	45,565	329,620	315,900
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	43,555	41,641	289,520	286,727

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
December, 1957	7,604	639	89,710	18,707
December, 1956	7,107	302	104,686	13,707
6 Months ended December, 1957	67,557	3,352	787,259	101,848
6 Months ended December, 1956	67,180	2,465	809,316	75,717

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957 -										
January	405	185	169	94	574	279	3	7	228	118
February	408	144	183	76	591	220	5	3	220	104
March	520	182	192	84	712	266	8	7	219	118
April	493	197	174	90	667	287	10	3	227	123
May	542	185	192	64	734	249	6	8	217	83
June	618	202	192	94	810	296	12	7	239	125
July	558	190	199	62	757	252	5	4	231	81
August	622	186	193	81	815	267	5	9	238	110
September	454	165	160	58	614	223	8	1	177	85
October*	498	180	214	84	712	264	4	4	272	122
November*	457	183	177	97	634	280	10	5	217	137
December	575	194	199	92	774	286	11	7	248	129
Total Twelve Months ended December	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335

* Revised.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	269	196	3,182	3,131
Bricks - Cement	'000	158	47	1,226	1,138
- Clay	'000	7,321	5,777	61,782	51,480
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	97	101	891	720
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,916	1,910	16,147	13,394
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gal.	18,294	20,503	173,707	168,434
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	453	280	4,267	2,698
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a) 13,280	(a) 14,255	(b) 103,154	(b) 110,214
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	591	474	6,059	4,903
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	2,924	2,425	32,651	29,188
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	179	213	2,415	3,296
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	46	45	717	1,170
- 2 piece	no.	680	890	10,884	11,715
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,367	3,717	32,873	35,080
- Work	no.	7,698	7,218	82,073	86,254
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	12,701	17,113	177,481	199,342
Sandals	pair	14,784	10,056	144,759	140,039
Slippers	pair	17,137	17,635	165,476	232,242
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	479	483	4,050	4,348
Butter	'000 lb.	755	988	12,844	13,776
Cheese	'000 lb.	164	219	1,946	2,144
Jams	'000 lb.	51	9	351	275
Margarine	'000 lb.	96	102	750	846
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	50,521	41,294	440,939	446,363
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	239	914	3,839	4,885
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	113	87	927	810
- Nitric	cwt.	36	38	244	376
- Sulphuric	ton	16,866	13,196	119,799	94,942
Coal	ton	59,647	37,112	497,452	477,062
Cycles, Pedal	no.	353	315	4,160	3,968
Gas Produced	Million cu. ft.	102	104	845	869
Iron (Pig Iron)	ton	1,450	1,182	8,395	8,239
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,426	1,636	16,288	13,858
- Woven Wire	no.	1,375	993	14,437	14,186
- Soft Filled	no.	2,757	2,745	21,171	21,210
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	no.	35	26	254	276
Utilities (all types)	no.	4	8	17	20
Trailers (all types)	no.	14	6	74	83
Perambulators	no.	51	38	453	336
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,006	6,897	44,687	46,685
Superphosphate	ton	45,808	38,122	331,274	259,002
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,539	1,994	15,866	14,219

(a) December figures, January not available.

(b) Six months ended December.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.
(£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1956-57	27.5	11.1	18.9	16.5	27.8	11.2	7.4	6.0	29.1	155.5	49.3
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.6	2.4	4.8	4.5	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	6.8	36.9	12.8
1957	6.6	2.7	4.8	4.6	5.9	2.7	1.8	1.4	7.0	37.5	12.3
June Qtr.											
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.9	2.6	4.3	3.5	7.3	2.8	1.6	1.4	7.1	37.5	11.3
1957	6.9	2.9	4.9	3.9	7.3	2.9	1.8	1.5	7.2	39.3	13.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.5	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.9	2.8	4.4	3.6	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.8	36.7	11.2
1957	7.0	3.0	4.8	3.9	6.7	2.8	1.8	1.6	7.4	39.0	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.8	2.5	4.7	4.2	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	14.2
1956	7.1	2.7	4.8	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.6	8.1	42.0	12.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 25% of Total Sales)

FRUIT

Item	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	32. 0	21. 9	21. 5	15. 3	12.10	9. 8	8. 3	8. 2	10. 2	12. 0	13.11	24. 7
Oranges - Navel	bushel	-	-	-	-	30. 2	19. 4	19. 7	23. 5	27. 1	32. 4	-	-
- Valencia	bushel	27. 2	27. 6	33. 9	39. 5	27. 0	27. 0	24. 2	18. 2	22. 1	21. 1	21. 6	21. 9
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 4	1. 2	1. 4	1. 5	1. 4	1. 4	1.11	2. 1	1.11	1. 7	1. 4	1. 0
Apples - Granny Smith	bushel	20. 0	19. 8	14. 5	19.10	24. 3	25. 9	27. 3	32. 6	42. 6	44. 9	57. 9	58. 7
- Other	bushel	21. 5	17.11	16.10	22. 8	23. 8	24. 5	27. 1	32. 8	42. 0	46. 5	63. 8	59. 8
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	20. 9	15. 9	15. 8	21.11	20. 2	18. 9	23. 8	30. 0	38. 0	-	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	26. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 4	28. 0
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	24.11	25. 1	25. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	19. 6	16. 8	25. 5	36.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.11
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	18. 5	18. 8	19. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.10	19.10
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	17. 0	20. 4	24. 9	27. 4	24.11	28. 6	-	-	-	-	-	31.11

VEGETABLES

Item	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	50 lb. crate	3. 8	6.10	5. 8	6. 4	5. 6	5.11	12. 7	11.11	13. 5	5.10	7. 1	10. 6
Cauliflowers	dozen	-	27. 0	21. 8	17. 0	11.11	7. 2	19. 4	14. 9	7. 0	9. 6	9. 7	-
Lettuce	crate	5. 9	6. 5	7.10	8. 3	6. 9	8. 0	15. 1	11. 9	11. 8	17. 0	13. 6	8. 2
Table Celery	dozen head	6. 4	4. 9	6. 6	4. 7	6. 5	5. 6	4. 3	9.10	10. 6	7.11	9. 0	7. 5
Beetroot	cwt.	16. 8	27. 7	28. 3	21. 2	20. 1	17. 0	29. 7	43. 7	49. 5	44. 3	30. 4	64.11
Carrots	cwt.	20. 6	39.10	46. 7	56. 8	45. 6	31. 2	39.10	35. 9	42. 3	40. 7	24. 3	19. 8
Parsnips	cwt.	69. 2	86. 1	111. 0	105. 9	84. 9	65. 9	73. 5	67. 0	68. 8	42.10	28. 6	27. 8
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	6. 3	8. 2	8. 2	6. 8	7. 6	5. 8	7. 9	8. 4	11. 2	4. 7	4. 0	6. 7
Swedes	cwt.	32. 9	67. 2	64. 1	74. 6	41. 9	29. 9	30. 6	31. 3	32. 2	31. 2	28. 6	34. 1
Runner Beans	lb.	5	9	11	7	6	9	1.11	2. 1	1. 3	10	10	11
Peas	lb.	1. 7	2. 1	1.11	1. 4	1. 5	1. 9	2. 1	1. 4	11	9	11	1. 5
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	3	3	3	4	5	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	2	3
Pumpkin	bag	23. 3	18.10	16. 1	16. 8	14. 3	15. 4	16. 1	16. 3	21.11	19. 9	14. 9	17.11
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	9. 4	11. 3	13. 1	19. 5	15. 6	11. 9	15. 6	20.10	18. 8	46. 0	32. 8	18.11
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	37. 3.0	40. 0.0	41. 8.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	32. 0.0	31.15.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	41.15.0	41.15.0	41.15.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	32. 0.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. / No local onions available.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth. ø No Board Price, onions sold only by auction this month.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 50% of Total Sales)

LIVESTOCK

Item	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>												
Suckers	-	-	-	-	4. 8. 0	4.17. 0	4.12. 0	4. 7. 4	4. 4.10	3.17. 9	3.13. 2	-
Lambs - In Wool	3.18. 0	4. 6. 8	4.11. 8	5. 7. 0	5.12. 5	6. 2. 7	4.16. 0	4. 7. 2	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	4. 4. 0	4. 1. 7	4.19. 5	4. 9. 5	3.13. 7	3.14. 3	3. 9. 5	3. 7. 7	3.17.11
Hoggets - In Wool	3.16. 8	4. 4. 8	4. 7. 8	4. 9.10	4.18. 8	5.12. 5	4.17. 3	3.17. 5	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	3.12.10	5. 3. 7	3. 4. 3	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes - In Wool	2.17. 0	3. 7. 8	3. 6. 3	4. 1.10	4.16. 3	5. 5. 3	4.18. 8	4. 8. 2	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	2. 4. 0	3. 2. 3	4. 2. 3	3. 6. 0	2.11. 7	2. 6. 5	1.18. 2	1.17. 2	2. 2.10
Wethers - In Wool	3.17. 5	4. 3. 5	4. 3.10	4.16.10	5. 7.10	6. 7. 7	5. 6. 5	4. 3. 5	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	2.18. 7	3. 7. 7	3.14. 5	3.14. 5	3. 3.11	2.16. 7	2.10.10	2.17. 9	3. 1. 7
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>												
Baby Beef	29. 9. 0	27.13. 5	29. 9.10	34. 7. 7	40. 5. 5	40. 2. 0	39.14. 3	35.13. 4	32. 2. 2	29. 6. 0	20. 5.10	28. 7. 7
Heifers	31. 2. 5	30.19. 3	34.15. 5	41.19.10	46. 0.10	46. 7.10	43.13. 3	39. 2.10	36. 0. 5	34. 7. 7	30. 3. 9	32. 5. 0
Cows	41.10. 3	35. 7. 3	40.14. 5	45. 0.10	47.16. 3	47. 9. 3	48.16.10	39.15. 2	38.14. 6	36. 8.10	36.13. 6	34.18. 0
Steers	40. 3. 7	38. 8. 5	46.10.10	50.13. 7	53.15. 0	52. 9. 3	52. 7. 3	47.11. 9	44.14. 9	41. 4. 7	40. 0. 7	41. 2. 4
Bullocks	46.10. 7	44. 4.10	44.13. 3	57. 1. 0	54. 8.10	52. 7. 7	50.17.10	45.19. 0	43.11.10	45. 7. 4	46. 6.11	44.15.11
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>												
Slips	6. 8. 7	6.14. 3	6. 6. 5	5.12. 5	5. 6. 0	4.14. 0	4.16. 3	3.17. 3	3.15. 3	3. 7. 4	3. 0.11	3. 8. 2
Porkers	10.18. 7	10. 3.10	9.16. 3	10.16. 0	9.13. 1	9. 4. 7	8.15. 1	8.12. 7	7.16. 8	7.10.10	7.11. 2	6.16. 8
Baconers	17.10. 3	17. 0.10	17. 0.10	16.16. 7	15.17. 0	15.17. 5	14.15. 0	14. 0. 8	13. 3. 8	12. 6. 8	12.13. 0	11. 9.10

∅ Decrease in price mainly due to a seasonal influx of light weight Baby Beef.

